



Short summary of its operations and how long they have been operating in Portugal, including number of local employees.

TRAVELSTORE AMERICAN EXPRESS is a Travel Management Company, part of the TRAVELSTORE Group that operates different companies, divisions and brands in Portugal, Angola, Mozambique and Spain. The group started its activities in year 2000 and in 2005, it celebrated a strategic and exclusive partnership with American Express Global Business Travel, the world leader in corporate travel management. This partnership has since then been also extended to Angola and Mozambique. In Portugal, the group employs 120 people.

Q: Tell us about your company's involvement in social responsibility and how your company and/or the community has benefited.

TRAVELSTORE AMERICAN EXPRESS has since its very early days embraced social responsibility initiatives. One example is the fact that the company has always replaced the traditional Christmas gifts distributed to clients by trips offered to orphans, placed in special institutions. The group has also supported other social causes through the years in an attempt to bring its modest contribution to society. Another illustration of our contribution is the fact that we provide our customers with management reports that indicate the level of CO2 consumption generated by each business trip.

Q: What do you hope your team will gain through their participation as mentors in Connect to Success' Corporate Mentoring Program?

The fact that we try to challenge strategic perspectives on a third party business and try to "ask the right questions" puts us inevitably in the position of having also to do it about our own company. It is then a very healthy exercise that not only should generate tangible benefits to the mentee but also to our managers involved in the initiative and to our business.

Q: What do you hope the mentee(s) selected by your company to participate in the program will achieve at the conclusion of his/her/their participation?

We believe that for a small company that is very much a "one woman show" at the moment, this program should make her be more aware of the importance and benefits of validating concepts and perspectives with others. Ultimately our goal is also to help her business "take off" and grow to achieve long term sustainability.